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REMARKS

This Response is being filed in reply to the Final Official Action mailed May 3, 2005 and thereby within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and allowance of the present Application or, if the Examiner deems necessary, an Advisory Action.

Claims 1-5 are presently pending in the Application and the Examiner has sustained the rejections of claims 1-3 and 5 over the cited prior art, but has again stated that claim 4 is allowed.

In accordance with the telephone conversation between the undersigned and the Examiner on June 15, 2005, the Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and 5. Also in accordance with the conversation of June 15th, the Applicant has added new claims 6 and 7 that are generally parallel in subject matter to claim 4. The recitations of claims 6 and 7, however, differ from claim 4 in ways that allow the Applicant the scope of protection to which the Applicant believes the present invention is entitled while retaining the recitations by which claim 4 is allowably distinguished over the cited prior art. It will be noted, however, that claims 6 and 7 do not add any new matter to the present Application or the claims thereof, and do not alter the scope or subject matter of the invention or the claims in a way through would require a new search or consideration.

The Applicant therefore respectfully requests the entry of the above claim amendments, including the cancellation of claims 1-3 and 5 and the addition of new claims 6 and 7, and the allowance of the present Application with claims 4, 6 and 7 and presented herein above.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised anticipation and obviousness rejection(s) should be withdrawn at this time.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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